

**Amendments to the Specification:**

**Please replace Paragraph [0002] (of the English translation of the as-filed PCT application) with the following rewritten paragraph:**

**[0002]** Portable data carriers that have a virtual machine for executing programs are known, for example, under the trademark *Java Card*™. Such data carriers are described in Chapter 5.10.2 of the book “Handbuch der Chipkarten” by W. Rankl and W. Effing, Hanser Verlag, 3<sup>rd</sup> edition, 1999, pages 261 to 281. A detailed specification of the *Java Card* standard, the virtual machine JCVM (*Java Card Virtual Machine*) used therewith and of the programs (*Java Card Applets*) that are executed is to be found on the Internet pages of the company Sun Microsystems, Inc., at <http://java.sun.com/products/javacard>  
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